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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: HILTON AND SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. AS YOU RECALL, PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FROM JERUSALEM IN FEBRUARY, IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARY AND PARTY AGAIN WOULD STAY IN KING DAVID DURING NEXT VISIT TO ISRAEL. INDEED, WE WERE TOLD THAT SECRETARY PERSONALLY CONCURRED IN THIS DECISION. WE AND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THEREFORE ARE PROCEEDING TO MAKE USUAL ARRANGEMENTS TO HOUSE SECRETARY AND PARTY AT KING DAVID FOR FORTHCOMING TRIP.

2. YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO ME BY CURT R. STRAND, PRESIDENT, HILTON INTERNATIONAL WHICH WAS FORWARDED BY MR. FLORIJN, GENERAL MANAGER, TEL AVIV HILTON. BEGIN TEXT. MY DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE TO ENLIST YOUR GOOD OFFICES IN ALLOWING THE JERUSALEM HILTON TO ACCOMMODATE SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PARTY ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT. BELIEVE LOCAL AUTHORITIES INCLUDING TEDDY KOLLEK EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT OUR HOTEL. MR. JAMES MORAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAL STAFF OF STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED SIMILAR SATISFACTION BUT ADVISES THAT DECISION IS IN YOUR HANDS. WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIS STAY SUCCESSFUL AND WOULD APPRECIATE OUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT. CURT R. STRAND,
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PRESIDENT, HILTON INTERNATION. END TEXT.

3. ARIS DIMOPOULOUS, GENERAL MANAGER OF JERUSALEM HILTON CALLED ME TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF MESSAGE FROM STRAND. I NOTED THAT DECISION RE HOUSING SECRETARY'S PARTY IN JERUSALEM INVOLVES VARIETY OF FACTORS INCLUDING ADVICE OF GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AS HOST TO VISIT, SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, AND ABOVE ALL INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE. I DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION THAT SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED " SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT" FOR KING DAVID ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLEAR FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS THAT THIS WAS THE CASE.

4. I HAVE TOLD DIMOPLOUS THE DECISION IS NOT REPEAT NOT MINE BUT HAVE AGREED TO INFORM HIM AS SOON AS I HAVE RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

5. I AM TOLD BY MY COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF THAT WE WOULD NEED TWO WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INSTALLATION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES SHOULD DECISON BE MADE IN FAVOR OF MOVE TO JERUSALEM HILTON FOR OTHER VISITS IN FUTURE. THIS FACTOR ALONE WOULD SEEM TO PRECLUDE SWITCH TO HILTON FOR MARCH VISIT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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